

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4706, by Representatives Pearson and Kristiansen

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes has served as the Superintendent of Arlington School District for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's own Superintendent, Linda Byrnes, was selected as Washington State's 2008 Superintendent of the Year by the Washington Association of School Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Central Washington University, and did postgraduate studies at the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes has served her community as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, and principal in the Lakewood School District, and assistant superintendent of the Highline School District; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes is a current member of the Washington Association of School Administrators Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes was a key figure in getting the district to pass the first capital bond measure in decades in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes' leadership enabled the district to make nearly 100 million dollars in improvements from a 54 million dollar bond measure; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes led a community-wide effort to raise money for a new performing arts center; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her vision and determination that made the construction possible, the new auditorium at Arlington High School was named the Linda M. Byrnes Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes selflessly gives her time on the board of directors of the Snohomish County Boys and Girls Club and the Arlington Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes was awarded the 2005 Service Award for Professional Excellence by the Arlington Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes has also given her time to the community by serving on the board of directors for the Snohomish County United Way and the Stillaguamish Valley Senior Center, and as a member of the Lake Stevens City Council; and

WHEREAS, Linda Byrnes, Superintendent of the Arlington School District, will be stepping down at the end of the 2008 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives, on behalf of all the people of this state, acknowledge that Washington is honored to be home to a great leader in education who gave many years of dedicated service to our schools, teachers, and our communities, and provided ongoing leadership and service for the betterment of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and commend Linda Byrnes for her many accomplishments that have culminated in her selection as the Washington State Superintendent of the Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Linda Byrnes and the Arlington School District.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4706 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 8, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk